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Economic and Community Development Committee
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Dear Ms. Kaustinen and Members of the Economic and Community Development Committee:

Noise Bylaw Review - The City of Toronto

We encourage the City of Toronto to adopt comprehensive, progressive policies similar to those of other large North American cities such as New York City.

“The New York City Noise Code balances the important reputation of New York as a vibrant, world-class city that never sleeps, with the needs of those who live in, work in, and visit the city ...the Noise Code was created to reduce: *The making, creation or maintenance of excessive and unreasonable and prohibited noises within the city affects and is a menace to public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and the prosperity of the people of the city.*” [from, A Guide to New York City’s Noise Code: Understanding the most common sources of noise in the city]

Protection of public health is an important criterion for a Toronto Noise Bylaw.

A Toronto Noise Bylaw needs to be integrated with Public Health’s noise management plan, and it must be effectively enforced.

“Studies have shown that there are direct links between noise and health. Problems related to noise include stress-related illnesses, high blood pressure, speech interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost productivity. Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) is the most common and often discussed health effect, but research has shown that exposure to constant or high levels of noise can cause countless adverse health effects.” [from, Clean Air Act Title IV - Noise Pollution, United States Environmental Protection Agency]

Leaf blowers produce excessive noise which can lead to significant irreversible hearing loss. In addition, they seriously negatively impact neighbourhood air quality through unburned aerosol, which can cause asthma attacks and other adverse respiratory and behavioural effects in some people. The dust blown around by leaf blowers can disperse fecal matter, fertilizers, fungal spores, pesticides, herbicides, and pollen. Similar negative health effects can result from construction and other loud-noise-producing activities.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President, Lytton Park Residents’ Organization

c: Councillor Michael Thompson, Chair, ECDC
Members of ECDC: Councillors Shelley Carroll, Joe Cressy, Michael Ford, Mark Grimes, and Cynthia Lai
Councillor Mike Colle
Mayor John Tory

The Lytton Park Residents’ Organization (“LPRO”) is an incorporated non-profit association founded in 1987, representing member households from Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

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